

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team upon winning the Skillathon National Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful individuals who, through their magnificent competitive exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team is one such group of talented individuals who recently won the Skillathon National Championship held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Skillathon competition involved several aspects of the livestock industry, and team members had to identify and define equipment, breeds, and meat cuts from all types of livestock; and

WHEREAS, after completing written tests concerning all facets of agriculture and quality assurance, the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team participated in several individual competitions including hay and wool judging, yield and quality grading a carcass, judging retail cuts, keep or cull goat class, boar performance selection, nutrition and ration selection with oral reasons, and a quality assurance station where sheep were weighed, sorted, and dewormed; and

WHEREAS, earning first place by defeating sixteen teams from across the nation, the Tennessee team compiled 1603 points, vaulting it past the second place team from North Carolina, which finished with 1572 points, and the third place team from Virginia, which finished with 1558 points; and

WHEREAS, the young members of the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance; Holly Dickens of Smith County, Monica Wilmore of Smith

County, Justin Lyles of Sumner County, Greer Goddard of Loudon County, Sarah Edwards of Campbell County, and Emily Upchurch of Cumberland County, with the help of their coaches, family, and supporters, represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character during the Skillathon competition; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of coaches Randall Kimes of Clay County, Amy Williams of Loudon County, and Dwight Loveday, state 4-H specialist, is without peer providing positive reinforcement and vital encouragement to the team members; and

WHEREAS, no strangers to awards and accolades, the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team also claimed first place in the Southeastern Regional Skillathon contest held in Tarboro, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship run, the members of the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team have etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans, and their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful Skillathon competition, but also surely points toward their successes in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Tennessee 4-H Livestock Team upon capturing the Skillathon National Championship, applaud their heralded success, and offer our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.